

LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO SRIYUTHS: S.B. PADAKI, K.M. NAGANNA AND B. V. KAKKILAYA AND SMT. MANORAMA MADHAVARAJ—GRANT OF.—

2-00 P. M.

MADAM SPEAKER.—I have received letters from Sriyuths : S. B. Padaki, K. M. Naganna and B. V. Kakkilaya, members of the House requesting for leave of absence from the current sittings of the Legislative Assembly due to ill-health.

I have also received a letter from Smt. Manorama Madhvaraj, Member of the House requesting for leave of absence from the current sittings of the Legislative Assembly due to private work.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Sriyuths : S. B. Padaki, K. M. Naganna, B. V. Kakkilaya and Smt. Manorama Madhvaraj?

HON'BLE MEMBERS.—Yes.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Permission to remain absent is granted.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN

MADAM SPEAKER.—Under Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Legislative Assembly, I nominate the following Hon'ble Members to the panel of Chairmen for the Current Session.

- (1) Smt. Winnifred F. Fernandes
- (2) Sri N. B. Sirdesai
- (3) Sri S. M. Sheernaly Chandrasekhar
- (4) Sri T. M. Manjunath.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(i) re : *Alleged irregularities Committed by officials of P. W. D. Hassan Division*

SRI H. T. Krishnappa (Nagamangala).—I call the attention of the Minister for Public Works and Electricity to the alleged irregularities committed by the officials of Public Works Department, Hassan Division, while making the payment of the bills, in respect of the works throughout Hassan District.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—I wish to make the following statement ;

A few petitions were received by Government alleging several financial and administrative irregularities as also false measurements, double payments etc. for works throughout Hassan District. As the allegations were of a very serious nature requiring immediate investigation the Vigilance Commissioner was requested to investigate the matter with the assistance of the Superintending Engineer, Technical Audit Cell, of the Vigilance Commission. It has been ascertained from the Superintending Engineer, Technical Audit Cell of the State Vigilance Commission that the whole matter is still under investigation and that it may take some more time for the Vigilance Commission to complete the investigation work and to submit a final report to Government.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಟಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಜಾಗೃತಾ ಆಯೋಗದವರನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದಂಥ ವ್ಯವಹಾರಗಳನ್ನು ತನಿಖೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದ ಮೇಲೆ ತಮಗೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಅವರಿಂದ ಇಂಟೀರಿಯಮ್ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ? ಹಾಗೆ ಬಂದಿದ್ದರೆ ಆ ಅವ್ಯವಹಾರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ್ದಂಥ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ? ಮತ್ತು ಖಾಸಗಿ ಮುಖಂಡರ ಕೈವಾಡ ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಏನಾದರೂ ಇದೆಯೇ ? ಮತ್ತು ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ಪ್ರಕರಣವನ್ನು ಮಂಜೂಬೇಕೆಂದು ತಪ್ಪು ಮಾಡಿದಂಥ ಅಸಕ್ತ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮ ಮೇಲೆ ಒತ್ತಾಯ ಬರುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಬಂದಿದೆ, ಅದು ನಿಜವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಅವರಿಂದ ಯಾವ ಇಂಟೀರಿಯಮ್ ರಿಪೋರ್ಟ್ ಕೂಡ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಮುಂದಿನ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳಲು ಇನ್ನೂ ಕಾಲಾವಕಾಶವಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಟಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ೩ ತಿಂಗಳಾಯಿತಲ್ಲಾ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಅದರ ಕೆಲಸ ಖುಷ್ಕಾಂಡ ಇದೆ. ೩ ತಿಂಗಳಾದರೂ ಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ, ೪ ತಿಂಗಳಾದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

(ii) re: Disturbances at Belgaum in July 1973

SRI KONANDUR LINGAPPA (Thirthahalli).—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the disturbance at Belgaum in the month of July 1973.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—Sir on behalf of the Chief Minister, I make the following statement.

Since the last week of July 1973, the Saynak group of the Maharashtra Ekikarana Samithi has intensified its agitation for the redressal of certain alleged grievances.

On 28th June 1973, they interfered with the distribution of milk by a Government van alleging that pure milk was not being supplied to the citizens. They allowed the van to move only after the milk had been tested with the Lactometer. They decided to boycott all schools and colleges from 23rd July 1973 to 31st July 1973 to protest against the alleged Kannadisation drive, and demanding display board in Marathi language along with Kannada and English sign boards and threatening to remove Kannada sign boards if their demands were not conceded.